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OMAMAC: MAC's 2017 Annual Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska!



Postcard: The Heart of Omaha, c. 1915. Courtesy of the Nebraska State Historical Society

As you read this, MAC's 2017 Annual Meeting in Omaha is either about to commence, is in progress, or has just passed—such are the vagaries of the newsletter's publication schedule! In any case, we hope you are/were able to join us. Watch for a recap in the July issue of the *MAC Newsletter*.

Mark Your Calendars for the MAC Fall 2017 Symposium: "From Good to Great Exhibits" October 12–13, 2017 The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Venue: Thompson Library and Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum (both on Ohio State University's campus)

Exhibits are an excellent way to connect archival materials and the history they convey to your community. The

Ohio State University Libraries is excited to host the 2017 MAC Fall Symposium, "Good to Great Exhibits," where we will explore methods for creating captivating stories and improving the impact your exhibits can have on your audience.

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MAC Fall 2017 Symposium

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We will be holding the symposium at the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library on Friday and the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum on Saturday. Both spaces have recently been renovated with the intention of creating extraordinary exhibit venues. These galleries and display areas offer a unique backdrop for exploring best practices and discussing new ways for you to achieve your institution's broader goals. The OSU Libraries' exhibits team, curators, and our invited speakers will provide sessions that cover exhibit planning and development, engagement, advancing learning outcomes, and outreach efforts. Strategies for integrating exhibits into classes and development work will also be shared.

We hope you will bring examples of your own work with exhibits and plans for future initiatives to share in hands-on exercises. You will apply symposium principles as you experience, review, and analyze the current exhibits at Ohio State. Through sessions, discussion, observation, and group work, you will gain insights, test best practices, and come away with solutions that you can apply directly to your archives' exhibits.

Members will get group rates at the Springhill Suites for the symposium. Continue to watch the *MAC Newsletter* and website for more information including the detailed schedule and links to registration and the hotel accommodations. For more information, please contact Tamar Chute at chute.6@osu.edu.



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Between-Meeting Council Actions

- On November 14, 2016, Council approved the slate of candidates for the 2017 election as presented by the Nominating Committee. Seven members voted “yes” and two abstained.
- On November 14, 2016, Council unanimously approved a uniform registration rate of \$60 for workshops at the 2017 Annual Meeting. All members voted.
- On November 27, 2016, Council approved a revised slate of candidates for the 2017 election as presented by the Nominating Committee. Seven members voted “yes” and two abstained.
- On December 8, 2016, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the October 6, 2016, Council meeting as corrected. All members voted.
- On December 9, 2016, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Eric Willey as newsletter editor, 2017–2019. All members voted.

Spring into Archival Issues

By Alexandra A. A. Orchard, Archival Issues Editorial Board Chair, Wayne State University

Living in the Midwest brings along some extra anticipation in spring's wake: shrugging off winter coats, smelling the outside, the return of birds and other outdoor critters. For archivists, there is the added excitement of conference season beginning.

I strongly encourage those of you speaking at conferences to convert your presentations and posters into articles. Our colleagues can benefit greatly from the knowledge you have gathered through research, presentation, and conference feedback. Of course, I suggest you submit those articles to *Archival Issues*!

If you have any questions about article ideas, transitioning your presentation or poster into an article, or submissions, please feel free to contact me at alexandra@wayne.edu. As a reminder, we encourage contributions from both new and experienced authors.

The MAC Speakers Bureau Is Back!!

That's right: It's back! After receiving Council approval to continue as a long-term program at the spring 2016 meeting, the Speakers Bureau is back in 2017 offering high-quality, low-cost workshops by partnering with local host institutions around the 13-state MAC region. More information is available at www.midwestarchives.org/speakers-bureau.

The MAC Education Committee wants to grow the list of available workshops, and we need your help! If you're interested in teaching your fellow archival professionals, please submit a workshop proposal at goo.gl/TRKpSG.

The list of currently available workshops is available at goo.gl/pM46Sv.